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FIVE SENIORS RECEIVE NMSC COMMENDATION; Barnes, Colli, Hodge, Novak, Oppenheimer Cited

Five seniors have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) given last spring. Students honored are Richard Barnes, Susan Colli, Gary Hodge, Carl Novak, and Robert Oppenheimer. Each student received a formal Letter of Commendation endorsed by his principal and by the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, stated:

"The Semi-finalists and the commended students together constitute about two percent of all high school seniors. This centainly signifies noteworthy accomplishment by all of these bright youngsters."

"The Letters of Commendation provide tangible recognition of their high ability. We urge the students honored to make every effort to attend college, and to develop to the fullest their promise of achievement."

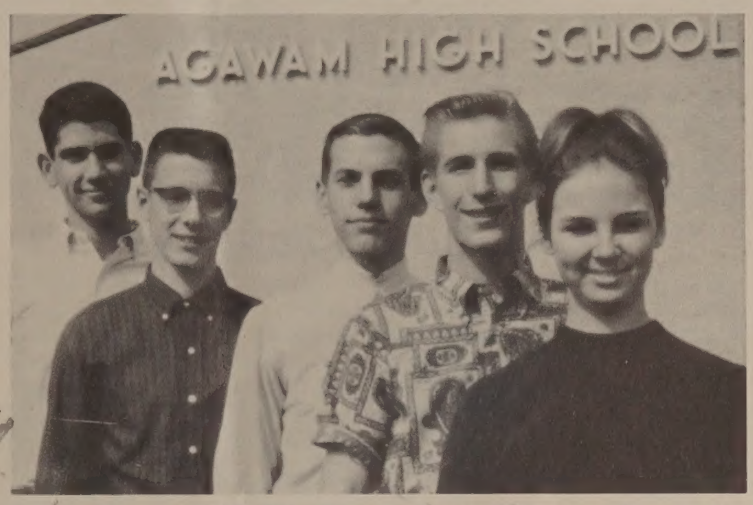
To increase their opportunity to obtain financial assistance, if needed, the Merit Corporation sends the names, home addresses, and test scores of these students to the two colleges indicated as their preference.

The Commended students were among high school juniors in about 16,000 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a three hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the ninth annual Merit Program.

This year's program will conclude April 3, 1964, with the announcement of the students who will receive four-year Merit Scholarships to the college of their choice.

The annual Merit Scholarship Competition is open to all high schools in the United States and its territories. There are more than 4,000 Merit Scholars currently enrolled in about 400 colleges and universities.

Richard Barnes, Susan Colli, Gary Hodge, Carl Novak, and Robert Oppenheimer are to be congratulated on their fine achievement and the representation they have given the school.



Five Agawam High School seniors recently received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Left to right are Robert Oppenheimer, Richard Barnes, Carl Novak, Gary Hodge and Susan Colli.

GENERAL MOTORS REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS AT ASSEMBLY

Mr. Robert E. Shoak, a representative of the General Motors Corporation, presented an assembly on October 9 to familiarize model car hobbyists with the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild.

The assembly consisted of color slides and demonstrations of the future modes of transportation and of ultra-modern housing. A movie, "Meeting the Challenge," which related the importance of wisely choosing high school courses with regard to future plans was presented.

Member's of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild receive the publication, "The Guildsman," four times during the school year. In addition to receiving this official publication, each member receives the booklet, "Designing and Building a Model Car."

The Guild's big event is a yearly model car competition. One hundred seventeen thousand dollars in scholarships and awards will be distributed to winners this year.

The contest is divided into a senior division including boys born in the year 1943 through the year 1947 and a junior division including boys born in the year 1948 through the year 1952. The scholarships in each division are as follows: 1st, $5,000; 2nd, $4,000; 3rd, $3,000; and 4th, $2,000. Ten separate styling scholarships will also be awarded. In addition, each state and the District of Columbia will receive sixteen awards.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Guild and entering the competition, write to the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, Warren, Michigan. The contest ends Friday, June . 1964.

Curtain Rises On Senior Play Nov. 22

Any afternoon during the week will find the cast and the director for the senior class play hard at work attempting through voice and action to capture the true atmosphere and flavor of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Each actor strives to make his character come alive as an individual and works hard to respond to fellow characters in an attempt to build a unified whole.

The Diary of Anne Frank is a real-life drama of many moods and colors, light and dark. Living in sub-human conditions in the top floor of an office building for two years, never knowing which moment will be the last is a sure test of fortitude. The characters respond according to their personalities, and their reactions are varied: from the light-heartedness of the young girl Anne, to the superficial quarreling of the Van Daans, to the strength and courage of Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

The drama is not a static moment in the lives of ten people, but a growing to maturity not only of the children, but also of the parents as they all learn from each other the true meaning of life. Perhaps Anne says it best, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

The play, which is open to the public, will be staged Friday evening, November 22, in the high school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the cast or crew for 75c.

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE HELD

The traditional and ever-popular Sadie Hawkins dance, sponsored by the Personality Club was held on October 11 in the high school cafeteria. As couples walked into the cafeteria brightly decorated with orange and brown colors, pumpkins, and other traditional Halloween favorites, the girls received a name tag and the couple received a corncob pipe for souvenirs of this memorable evening. The girls were given tags with the names of a state or country written on them, and the boys were given tags with the capitols of a state or country. The holder of the state and country tags walked aimlessly around the room looking for the holder of the matching capitol tag and vice-versa. When everyone had found his partner, the lights were dimned and everyone danced with his matching capitol or country.

The dance went into full swing with Phil Dee of WHYN disc-jockeying for the evening. The next event on the program was a hilarious mock football game. The cheerleaders were the first to appear on the scene in their casual attire to lead the crowd in some cheers. The cheerleaders were a little awkward and gave the impression that they were in need of practice. But they did have one big setback that couldn't be helped — they were boys! Then the football team, lead by the fearless Coach Klenakis, charged onto the field determined to be victorious. But, alas, the football team also had a setback that couldn't be helped — they were girls! After a few bad plays, a slight difference of opinion, and the losing of the football, the game came to an end. The team left the field as fearless as ever while the cheerleaders shouted to the crowd, "See you at the game!"

The refreshments were then served. The cider and doughnuts served as energy for the traditional Statue dance. The winning couple, Linda Cook and Eric Myers were named L'il Abner and Daisy Mae of this year's Sadie. The prizes were a bunch of carrots, a head of cabbage, and two record albums!

The next event was another mixer dance called the balloon dance. This was the last mixer of the evening but was just as successful as the first.

Success, fun, gaiety, and a memorable evening were all a part of this year's Sadie. As couples left the dance, they looked back to wonderful memories that will never be forgotten, but they also looked forward to the Sadie Hawkins of next year and to more wonderful times and memories to come.

Operetta For 1964 Bells Are Ringing

Mr. Davis, head of the music department, has announced that the 1964 operetta will be *Bells Are Ringing*. The show was originally on Broadway and was made into a recent movie starring Judy Holliday and Dean Martin.

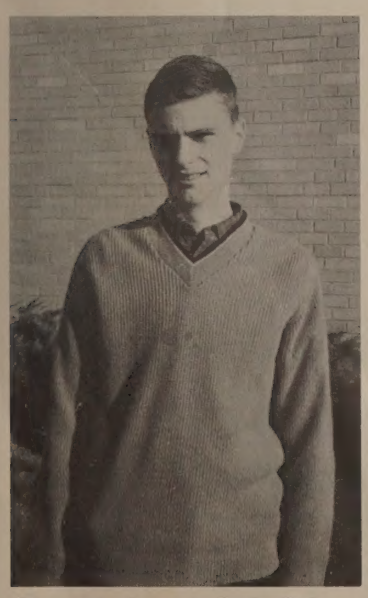
Ella Peterson is a telephone operator for Susanswer-phone, an answering service run by her cousin Sue. She becomes emotionally involved in the lives of the customers and falls in love with Jeff Moss, a young writer whom she has never met, and who thinks she is an elderly lady he kiddingly calls "Ma".

Meanwhile, Sue has fallen in love with a bookie who sets up a branch office in her establishment. Adding to the confusion, the police are already investigating her service for running a lonely hearts vice ring.

Under the pretenses of walking into the wrong apartment Ella goes to see Jeff to convince him to finish his play by the deadline. They meet again in Central Park after which he takes her to a glamorous party. She loves him but feels he is out of her class. She decides to forget about him temporarily.

Other subscribers to the answering service whom Ella has helped in one way or another meet Jeff in a night club. They realize how much their unknown friend has done for them, but they have no idea who she really is. As each person goes his way to find her, the police close in on the bookies. Ella and Jeff meet again as the curtain falls.

This show will be presented in March. Try-outs for all those interested in the production will be held in December.



Pictured above is Jack Quinn who attended a Junior Achievement Conference at Indiana University last summer.

LUCKY RECORD WINNER

The lucky record winner for last month's issue of the *Mirror* was our well-known gym teacher, Miss Hastings. She received a popular recording of folk songs by the *Brothers Four*.

Miss Hastings, when asked how she felt about winning, commented, "I don't think I should have won. I think it should be for students only. I plan on using the record in my gym class though, not for my own personal use."

The *Mirror*, henceforth, will not sell numbered issues to faculty members. Students only will be eligible for prizes.

Pictured above before rehearsal is the cast of the senior class play. Left to right are, first row, Judy Bonkowski, Billy Higgins, and Sharon Strole; second row, Martha Sharritt, Gale Cote, and Marsha Della-Guistina; third row, Tommy Daigneau, Bob Salmonsen, and Ted Affleck. Not present for the picture was Gary Hodge.

Frosh Accepted For SYS

Freshman Virginia O'Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. O'Reilly of 76 Mountain View Street, has been accepted as a violin-playing member of the Springfield Youth Symphony under the leadership of Mr. Robert Staffanson.

A violin student of Mrs. David Meyer of Suffield, Connecticut, Virginia also plays the flute with the Agawam High School Marching Band.

A man should always consider how much more unhappy he might be than he really is.

— JOSEPH ADDISON

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OFF TO A GOOD START

The faculty and the administration are pleased with the manner in which the student body is conducting itself thus far this school year. There is now the challenge before us of making 1964 a memorable year in the records of Agawam High School. Each of you is a potential school citizen. Whether or not you are a good citizen depends upon your conduct. By doing your best, you will be helping the entire school as well as yourself.

The class of 1967 can make effective use of upperclassmen example. By obeying a few established rules, you can benefit in the long run. You only get out of anything what you put into it. By acting and thinking clearly today, you will obtain marked advantages for tomorrow.

Certain behavior and discipline are necessary in any well-organized structure. The Student Patrol seeks to maintain this desired order at all times during the school day. Simple respect to these members and their specified duty is all that is asked of each student. Mutual friendship and understanding may result between school officials and students if this is observed.

If we as a student body are to accomplish this goal, we must have each person's co-operation and support throughout the year.

M.J.S.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Where will the class of 1964 hold its graduation exercises in June? This question should and must be raised in the minds of ever senior. Each student should make his own decision regarding the policy before any measures are considered.

Let us examine the issue more carefully. Do you want to break the tradition established long ago of graduating from the high school auditorium and hold the exercise at a place which has no special significance to it? Or do you want to walk down the aisle of the building in which you received your education as many have done before you?

Do you want your parents who have raised you to sit comfortably and proudly watch you? Or do you want all of your relatives cramped into a limited area craning their necks to catch a small glimpse of you?

Do you want to hold the "mock assembly" before the entire school the following day? Or do you want to bid all of your friends and acquaintances farewell before you even receive your diploma?

You must decide for yourself just what your personal feelings are. This involves not only the seniors but also those who plan to graduate from AHS within the next few years.

Whether or not the School Board will act on the suggestions placed before them by students of this year's graduating class is still questionable and remains to be seen. With the increase of the size of each graduating class, the problem, if not solved now, will fall on someone else's shoulders next year. Are you ready to accept this burden?

M.J.S.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The job of the Student Patrol has been made much easier this year because of the co-operative spirit and helpful attitude that you, the student body of Agawam High School, have displayed. The Student Patrol would like to acknowledge its thanks to the student body for co-operation with the patrol members and the obedience to its rules. We, the Student Patrol, feel that our job has been made relatively easier and more pleasant through your efforts.

There are still a few areas in which further co-operation is necessary and would be appreciated. If you, the student body, would keep the noise and behavior at a more reasonable level during lunch and bring up your trays as soon as you finish eating, the cafeteria would be a more enjoyable place in which to eat. There is still excessive noise and confusion in the passing periods in the corridors, and we would have less difficulty in maintaining order if a greater effort was made to control this noise and confusion while passing to and from classes.

With co-operation between the student body and the Student Patrol, the rest of this school year at Agawam High School will be as pleasant as the beginning of the year has been.

Thank you,
DAN DIBIASIO
Student Patrol Captain

The Clothes Line

A different look comes in this season for the girl who wants to look her best at all times.

There are many styles to accent the new, fluffy mohair fabrics whipped to a frothy mist of color. Dresses in soft blues and pinks with the popular A-line skirt are in the latest trend.

Suede, in many exciting colors, is the latest hit not only in jumpers and skirts but also in vests and weskits. These may be worn with the high turtleneck sweater or jersey. Varied multi print blouses with long sleeves are making an excellent comeback this season.

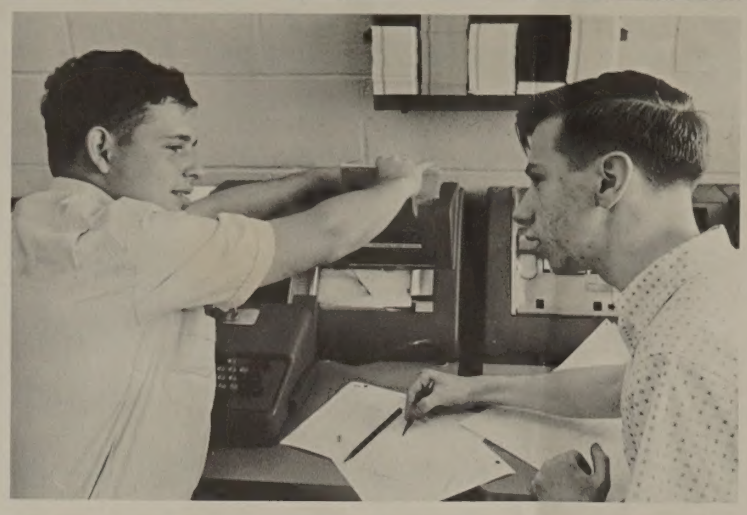
Ski parkas with reversible sides and matching stretch pants are the latest whether you ski or not.

The colors to wear this season are cranberry shades, all shades of green and brown, and the sharp contrast of black-and-white. To complement these, soft pastel colors are a refreshing contrast.

Shoes and high boots to go along with the Army green trench coats when it rains are still in fashion. Brown tones tend to predominate over the usual black. Sneakers are quickly being replaced by loafers, black-and-white oxfords, and stacked heels for dress wear. "Capezios" with cut out sides and backs are popular with the high school girl.

Outside show is a poor substitute for inner worth.

— AESOP



Pictured above are Steve Rohde of Brookline, and Francis O'Leary of Agawam who studied at an unusual Summer Computing Institute at New York University.

Library Staff Kept Busy Cataloguing Books, Running Paperback Store

The smooth running appearance of the library staff is a tribute to the hard work of the 52-man staff headed by the always helpful Mrs. Holmes.

The staff are constantly busy with many duties. They take charge of the desk and passes, collect fines, and circulate books and keep them in order. The most difficult and time-consuming task is that of processing books. This includes covering, labeling, and filing cards for each book. In addition all the books are kept in order and mended. The staff also arranges the many displays shown in the library.

Outstanding staff members who have been active for two years in the library receive a pin for special recognition.

The library is open everyday before school and after school, except on Friday. During this time no pass is necessary. Second lunch is the only time the library is closed.

The staff takes a trip to some point of interest every spring. They have been to Westover Base, Hunting's Book Foundation, University of Massachusetts Library, and American International College Library.

Another added feature of the library is the Paperback Bookstore headed by William Henry. The Library Bookstore has been very successful for two years. The stock of books is changed every two months. Any book that is not already in stock can be ordered through the librarian at a reduction. All profits go to the library fund.

The stock is varied according to the students' interests, and as William Henry commented, "We have only the best!"

To qualify for the library staff, a person must be passing in fifteen credits for the previous year. Only juniors and seniors are eligible and they must be responsible people. Whether a person is responsible or not is determined by the librarian, guidance counselors, and the student's teachers.

ROVING REPORTER

STEVE CINCOTTA — "Buy a billion pieces of bubble gum."

ROLAND BENJAMIN — "I'd buy Roger K. some coordination!"

RICKY MORIN — "I'd buy R.K. some muscles."

JOANNE CIMAROLI — "I'd rent a penthouse and throw a lot of parties for all my friends!"

ART FOLEY — "Put it in the bank."

BONGI — "I wouldn't get married because a woman would sure spend it fast!"

LINDA COOK — "I wouldn't want a million dollars because a million dollars can't buy love!"

LINDA NEGRUCCI — "Spend it!"

ELLEN HOPE — "Buy a silver and blue Sting-Ray."

LORI KISTNER — "Give it to the poor people."

PAUL ALVES — "I'd buy all kinds of gymnastic equipment."

NICKY DEPALMA — "Give some to charity and keep the rest for Sue and me."

SUE CIMMA — "Buy a new car for Nick."

PAT MCMAHON — "I'd build a Bongo Lounge in Agawam."

MISS MOGGIO — "I'd take a trip around the world."

LEE NACEWICZ — "Count it!"

SHARON CHANDLER — "Visit Spain, France, and Hawaii."

JOHN CONNELLY — "I'd put $900,000 in the bank and spend the rest."

DAVE ROBINSON — "I'd buy 10,000,000 boxes of *Luden's Mentholated Cough Drops.*"

STEVE MONTGOMERY — "Buy a splashy house in the South Pacific!"

SANDY WEIN "LEARNS BY DOING" AT GIRLS' STATE

"Learning by doing" — this was the motto of the 1963 Girls' State program. From this program "girl-staters" learn the structure of our government by actually participating in the model city, town, county, and state government.

Sandra Wein was Agawam High School's representative to Girls' State last June. The purpose of the Girls' State program, which was held at Bridgewater State College from June 14 to June 21, is to mold better citizens by informing high school girls of their duties, rights, privileges, and responsibilities as American citizens. This program is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary Post of Agawam.

The structure of the Girls' State program is very similar to that of the Boys' State. The girls were divided into two parties, Federalists and Nationals. (Sandy was a Federalist). Girls were not only members of political parties, but also citizens of the Town of Freedom in the county of Unity. At town and county meetings Girls' State citizens had actual experience in the election of officers, discussion of the budget, and solution of problems pertinent to the school system.

Sandy was a very active member of Girls' State. She was elected constable of the town and secretary to her party (Federalists). As secretary, Sandy helped to organize and promote rallies for individual candidates running for state office.

The knowledge and experience gained at Girls' State is aptly summarized by Sandy, "As a member of Girls' State, I realize that being an American citizen is a priceless heritage which exacts individual responsibility from every American."

SCENE AND HERD

BILLY HIGGINS and JUDY BONKOWSKI — Seem to enjoy rehearsing for the Senior Play!

SUE GAGNON — Is she really being thrown aside for a pair of drums?!

CAROL BARTOLUCCI — Seems to enjoy prospecting! Did you find any gold yet?!

MARCIA AYERS — Will you ever learn how to bowl? Next time you might go down the alley with the ball!

TAMI ASTIFAN — Is she becoming another Ann Landers?!

GARY HODGE — Which do you prefer — girls or Trig?!?

SUSAN BATES — Seems to have a weird habit of slamming on her brakes for Cathedral boys!

MARILYN (Crash) OLIVER and MARCIA (Smash) STEWART — Seem to have a common interest — accidents!

DARLENE POTTS — Likes dead things, especially dead fish!

CHERYL ROSSO — Will she ever stop complaining? Let's hope not!!

DAVID GIGUERE — Heard you enjoy dog biscuits! Really now!

Why is it that "SLUGGO" MORIN and HOWARD MOSHER are always late to Trig? Could it be because of an interest in the corridor?

It's doubtful whether RICHARD DURANT will ever let AL BONAVITA use his car again! Rich doesn't like smashed windshields!

CHRIS JESERSKI — Last words are, "I want my nuts!"

PEGGY CASE and HOLLY HOPKINS — Seem to have a common interest — Mike?!?

ELAINE BORGATTI — Is disturbed that Louie won't take her to "frat" parties on Friday nights!

JUDY CESAN — Seems to have another heart throb after that last thud!

MOONYEAN FIELD: — Is she really terrified of earthworms?!?

CAROLE SETTEMBRO — Who's your latest flame? Could it be a certain Jimmy from Longmeadow?!

DENISE BELLEFLEUR — What are you getting for Christmas?????

When EMILY DYNIA is told she has a run, she does the obvious thing — runs!

It has been said that the Bongo Lounge is the place to visit this season.

PAUL GAZILLA — Why are you so "clumsy"?

PAUL ALVES — Enjoys walking on his hands past room 15.

The DRAMA CLUB — On November 1, made an enjoyable trip to the University of Massachusetts and saw "The Music Man."

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SENIOR SILHOUETTES

This month's senior silhouettes are, left to right, Howard Mosher, Susan Colli, Janice Rebecchi, and Robert Morin.

Susan Colli

A familiar and ever-smiling face around school this year is that of Sue Colli. She is kept quite busy this year as Editor-in-Chief of the *Mirror*.

When asked how she felt about being a senior, Sue replied, "I suppose it's wonderful, although I haven't had any time to think about it!"

In addition to being Editor-in-Chief of the *Mirror,* Susan belongs to various clubs, is a member of the colorguard, the National Honor Society, and the Student Council.

Her ideal boy must be intelligent, considerate, and must have a good personality. It would be nice if he was tall, had football shoulders, and a collegiate haircut also.

Sue's favorite color is olive-green and her favorite food is lobster with all the trimmings. As for her pet peeve, it is people who are always on time!

Future plans? Of course! Sue would like to attend college, but at this time she is not certain which one. In college, she would like to major in languages. She sighs, "I'd love to be an intepreter for the United Nations if I ever had the opportunity."

Sue's favorite subject in school is English, although she also loves languages. Sue has taken four years of French and two years of Latin.

Sue has many favorites including: favorite music, folk music and popular; favorite saying, "I'm so mixed up!"; and a favorite day—Wednesday—"because it's half way through the week."

Sue's time-consuming hobby, for the present, is making out college applications.

When asked how she would change the school if she could, Sue answered, "I'd like more teachers so we would have smaller classes, and more foreign languages offered — Russian, maybe."

Howard Mosher

If anyone were to walk into the science wing during the day, he would probably notice the smiling face of senior Howard Mosher. Howie is often seen with his good buddy, "Sluggo" Morin.

This energetic Student Patrol member plays both varsity basketball and baseball. He is president of the Biology Club and an active member of the Student Council. He was recently elected chairman-in-charge of the freshmen elections by the Student Council. Howie has also been accepted recently as a member of the National Honor Society.

Howard's hobbies include participating in most sports and spending time with his girl. Working at the Food Mart takes up much of his out-of-school time. He also enjoys puttering around with his '57 Ford stick station wagon.

Howie's ideal girl is one who is "quiet and doesn't attract attention. She must pay attention to me and nothing else when I take her out."

Howie is enjoying his senior year very much. He has a "thing" about getting his picture in the yearbook as many times as possible. He pays the dues of many clubs for this reason. Howie feels that when one is a senior he should have his picture in the yearbook many times so people will remember him.

Howie spent an interesting summer working as Athletic Director of the Agawam YMCA Day Camp. He spent much of the time fighting off little girls who had developed mad crushes on him.

Popular music tops his list of favorites. He enjoys movies ranging from "Ben Hur" to "Irma la Douce." His favorite color is green, and his favorite food is noodles Romanoff.

After graduation he would like to attend Weslyan College in Connecticut and obtain a liberal arts education.

Robert Morin

Robert Morin, better known as "Sluggo," is an active and capable member of this year's senior class. Active in many school affairs, Bob is co-captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams, president of the Student Council, and member of the Student Patrol.

"Trigonometry with Miss Smith is my favorite subject," said Sluggo, adding, "because it's very easy!" Bob says, "Being a senior is terrific; it smarts!" He has the unusual hobby of collecting Beechnut gum wrappers?!

Howie Mosher, who refers casually to Bob as "Boris," comments, "Boris is a wickedly funny kid and as far as I'm concerned, 'Mr. Athlete' of Agawam High School."

Sluggo's favorite food is chickorina soup! His most thrilling experience was seeing the Italian Festival while running "100 in 10 flat!" His pet peeve is the marking systems of various teachers, and, of course, his favorite activity is sports.

Bob plans to attend Princeton University where he would like to major in a phase of engineering. His chief ambitions in life include getting a good college education and having security and happiness.

Mr. Leonardi, Bob's football coach, brought to light some facets of Bob's personality. He said, "Bob came to us after a very successful junior high and freshman career. Tremendous pressure was put on him to perform to our expectancy. In the past three years he has developed into an outstanding athlete and leader. He is capable and willing to accept responsibility and has done so many times during this football season."

"It isn't often a boy comes along with such a football background. He not only must live up to his brother's performance but must set the pace for his two younger brothers who will be coming along."

Janice Rebecchi

One of the prettiest and most popular members of the senior class is Janice Rebecchi. This year Janice was elected vice-president of the Student Council. She has been a member of the Student Council for the last four years and presided as secretary last year.

In addition to assuming her responsibilities as vice-president of the council, Janice is an active member of the Future Teachers' Association, the Personality Club, and the Ski Club. Janice also marches in Agawam High School's colorguard. In the winter Janice spends much of her time skiing.

Popular music rates high with Janice and her current favorite is "Heat Wave." Pork chops and ravioli are her favorite foods. Her pet peeve is people who scratch their heads with a pencil.

Janice likes Italian boys with blue eyes, but commented, "A particular Irishman is just fine!" She spends much of her time waiting for a telephone call. Could it be from a particular Irishman, Janice?

When asked about her most embarrassing experience Janice said, "I've had so many, but walking into the men's room at the Feeding Hills Country Club was by far the most humiliating."

Janice commented, "Being a senior is a relief and a rewarding experience." After graduation, she hopes to attend Our Lady of the Elms College and become a third grade teacher.

Quinn Attends J.A. Conference

Among the group of high schoolers who attended the National Junior Achievement Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, was our own Jack Quinn.

Jack, one of the six delegates from Western Massachusetts, represented the "J. A. Jot-it" Company at the five-day conference which was held during the third week of August.

The conference's purpose was to discuss business trends and the organization of the Junior Achievement League, and to compare several Junior Achievement clubs throughout the nation.

The delegates listened to many distinguished and well-educated speakers. Jack's favorite was John Davis Lodge, the National president of Junior Achievement. Mr. Lodge was formerly the Governor of Connecticut and an ambassador to Spain.

Jack's typical day began at seven o'clock in the morning. At nine o'clock, a general meeting was held, followed by unit meetings. At 2 P.M. the delegates went to their separate workshops. Jack's favorite hour was "free time at 4 o'clock!" His resume of how he spent his "free time" was, "We went swimming, played football, and chased girls!"

The highlight of the conference was the Presidential Ball at which Miss National Junior Achievement and her court were chosen and the queen was crowned.

Jack sums up his feeling about his experience this way, "I had a wonderful time and wish everyone in this school could have the wonderful opportunity which was given me."

A member of the sophomore class, Jack leads an active school life. Besides belonging to the Latin Club, Drama Club, and Biology Club, he is the treasurer of the Agawam Teen Republican Club.

Included among his special interests are stamp and coin collecting, reading, and "I love to dissect worms in biology!"

Oppenheimer Tells Of Boys' State

Bob Oppenheimer, the 1963 Boys' State representative, returned to Agawam High School this fall enthused about his recent trip to the University of Massachusetts. He related a brief summary of his contribution to the 17th annual program of Boys' State in an assembly held on Friday, October 11.

Juniors were selected throughout the state on the basis of their leadership ability, citizenship, and academic achievement. Four hundred and fifty boys participated in the program which was sponsored by the American Legion. The 1964 representatives for Boys' State will be chosen in the spring.

Program cards were given to each member to indicate the party to which he was assigned. Bob was a Nationalist. Conventions, resembling those on the state level, were held by each party to choose condidates to run for state offices. Bob was elected to the Governor's Council.

Bob thought it was "a wonderful experience after everyone got to know each other. Boys' State develops personal character, and offers a chance to find out what you really con do on your own. The entire atmosphere was that of 'sink or swim'."

Bob feels that more of this type of activity is needed. "You really enjoy learning, because you are actually practicing what you are learning. I think that attending Boys' State will be one of the most memorable experiences of my life."

Pictured above are the newly-elected freshman class officers. Left to right are Paul Faits, vice-president; Holly Gibson, secretary; Susan Durant, president; and Tommy Shaker, treasurer.

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Agawam Upsets Westfield, 38-8

Agawam, although a two touchdown underdog, used a blistering ground attack in upsetting the Westfield Bombers for Agawam's second A.A. Conference victory.

The Brownies got their first chance to score after the Bombers fumbled deep in their own territory. Two plays later quarterback Bill Turgeon ran around the left end for the first Brownie score of the day. The conversion attempt failed, leaving Agawam with a 6–0 lead.

Westfield returned the next kickoff to the 45 yard line where Don Bullard caught a pass from his left halfback on a razzle-dazzle play, bringing the ball down to the Brownie 35. From here the Bombers stuck to the ground with halfback Ligenza driving for the touchdown. Scoring the conversion, Westfield took an 8–6.

It took only nine plays for the Brownies to score again with a drive originating from their own 25. This time Ed Harashuk scored and Turgeon passed for the extra points, giving Agawam a 14–8 lead.

The Westfield offense then went to the air but only to have John Michalek intercept and return the ball to Westfield's 21 yard line. On the second down, Harashuk raced around the left end for his second touchdown. The half ended with Agawam having a commanding 22–8 lead.

Both defensive units excelled at the beginning of the second half with each team holding the other in check.

Another Brownie touchdown came after a punt was blocked. Bob Morin and Bob Polopek worked the ball to the Bomber 11. Noticing a flaw in the Westfield defense, Turgeon called an automatic play at the line of scrimmage and scrambled over for the touchdown.

In the next set of downs Westfield's offense began to click, moving the ball to the Brownie 23. The Brownie defense held, however, stopping Westfield's final threat of the day.

The most exciting play of the game came on Agawam's final touchdown when Bob Morin took a handoff from Bill Turgeon and scooted around the right end outracing a Bomber defenseman for a thrilling 80-yard touchdown.

The final gun went off with Agawam in an upset role, beating Westfield 38–8.

Agawam J.V. Over Holyoke, 24-20

The Agawam J.V.'s in their first game of the season came from behind to beat the Holyoke J.V. team by a score of 24–20.

The first touchdown was scored by Rick Reynolds on a 23-yard pass-play from Sam Provo, and the conversion attempt was made on a run by Greg Hart. Agawam's second touchdown was scored on a 13-yard sprint by Ken Blair, and the conversion attempt was made by Walter Steinmetz.

Holyoke scored three successive touchdowns and made one conversion attempt to take the lead, 20–16. With only 54 seconds left in the game, Rick Reynolds caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Sam Provo, and the conversion attempt was made by Steve Cincotta. From there, the Brownie defense kept Holyoke out of scoring position, thus preserving their first victory of the season.

Freshmen Off To Good Start

Agawam's freshmen football team is off to a rousing start this year by winning their first four games of the season.

In the first game, the freshmen romped over Northampton in a decisive 24–14 victory.

Against Holyoke, the victory road was a bit more difficult, victory coming on a late second half touchdown. Final score, Agawam 16 – Holyoke 14.

In their first away game of the year, the Brownies completely dominated the play in beating Cathedral 24–6.

Against arch-rival West Side, the defense shone by holding the Terriers scoreless. The offense also had a field day, as it racked up 36 points in picking up an easy victory.

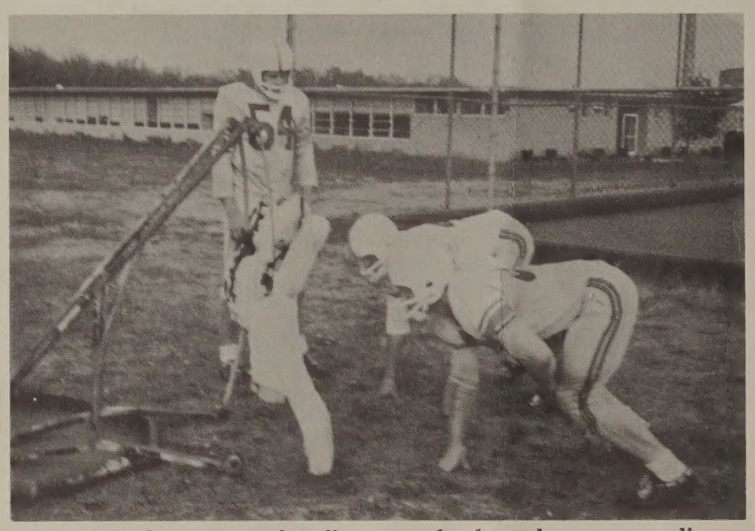
The team will have their work cut out for them in weeks to come when they face Chicopee, Westfield, and Longmeadow to round out this year's schedule.

AGAWAM 36, CATHEDRAL 0

Agawam J.V.'s, in a one sided game, beat an injury-ridden Cathedral J.V. team by a score of 36–0, for their second win of the season.

The first touchdown was scored by Rick Morin on a pass from Sam Provo. The extra points were scored by Sam Provo. Later, Greg Hart broke through the line and dashed for a 38-yard Brownie touchdown. Rick Morin added the conversion points, thus making the score 16–0. John Connelly, on a 22-yard interception run, scored the third touchdown. The fourth Agawam touchdown was scored by Rick Reynolds on a pass-play from Sam Provo, and Walter Steinmetz made the conversion attempt. Ken Blair scored the last Agawam touchdown on a fine running play. The final score was 36–0.

Opposing teams fear the great running attack of the Brownies because of their capable backfield composed of (left to right) Bob Polopek, Eddie Harashuk, Bill Turgeon, and Bob Morin.



Pictured above are a few linemen who have been outstanding for the Brownies so far this season. Ron Young and Eugene Waniewski (in stance) prepare to hit dummies while Dick Chandler (standing) calls signals.

TECH OVERPOWERS BROWNIES 30-6

Two critical Agawam fumbles and the hard running of Tech halfback Bobo Harris spelled defeat for the Brownie eleven in their first away appearance of the season.

Early in the first quarter both defensive units held the offense in check, with both teams being forced to punt.

With the defensive unit again holding Tech, the Brownies took over on their own 20 yard line. Here Turgeon took to the air hitting Bob Morin and Ron Penna for yardage which brought them to the Tech forty-five. The time ran out in the first quarter with both teams remaining scoreless.

Early in the second quarter Agawam threatened to score but a fumble cancelled their first scoring opportunity.

Tech's powerful backfield started moving with Harris and Renzulli running. Quarterback White then hit Allen on two consecutive pass plays which brought them to the one yard line. Tech scored easily from here with a quarterback sneak and the conversion was good. The score stood 8 to 0.

Stopping the Agawam ground attack the Tigers took another Morin kick on their own twenty. On the first play from scrimmage Bobo Harris found a hole, shook off one tackler, then outraced the second en route to an eighty yard touchdown jaunt. The conversion attempt failed. The score now stood 14 to 0.

The Brownies started another drive carrying them to their own thirty yard line. Just as it seemed they were finally going to score, a fifteen yard penalty was stepped off against them, stopping another scoring threat.

The time ran out in the second half with the score Tech 14 – Agawam 0.

After receiving the second half kickoff, the Tigers started another march with Harris, Renzulli, and Dupas carrying. The drive was capped when Renzulli bucked over for the final five yards giving Tech another score.

In the fourth quarter Agawam was again inside the five yard line but a fumble during the center snap was recovered by Tech.

Agawam's only scoring play came too late. Rich Fulvi and Bob Polopek rammed the ball to the Tech 22. Billy Turgeon then tossed to Ronnie Penna who scooted around the right end to paydirt. Turgeon on a boot-leg play failed to pick up the conversion points.

On the next exchange the Brownie defense faltered as Tech drove to another touchdown with Renzulli again scoring.

As the final gun went off, the score read Technical High School 30 – Agawam 6.

Mirror Sponsors "Shout or Pout Dance"

The Agawam *Mirror* will sponsored its annual dance on Saturday, November 16, from 8 to 11 p.m. The "Shout or Pout Dance" was held in the cafeteria, and appropriate dress was regular school attire. Refreshments were served.

This dance is held yearly following one of the football season's most important games—namely, the Westside-Agawam game — to raise funds for the *Mirror*. The more money raised at this event, the more issues the *Mirror* staff will be able to have printed. Barbara Wright announced after the dance that net proceeds will approximate $120.

The following people were in charge of the dance: general chairman, Barbara Wright; entertainment, Marilyn Oliver; tickets Linda Regnier; and refreshments, Donna Wood.

Why

Why is it that the bell never rings,
Whenever you want it to?
Why is it that it never sings,
Until you don't want it to?

Why is it the teacher never looks your way,
When you're obeying the Golden Rule?
But when you don't they'll always say,
"I'll see you after school!"

Why is it the teacher never looks,
When you are wondering about her test?
But when you pick up some one else's book,
After school you're always her guest.

Why is it that, as I remember,
You haven't chewed any gum all summer long?
Then along comes that fatal month September,
And then it's a different song.

Why is it the teacher will never ask you,
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